

SATURDAY, MAY 12 | 9:30 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.



70th

COMMENCEMENT

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY



1973 – 1974

Harry Gockel*
History & Geography

Martha Ann McCormick*
Mathematics

1976 – 1977

Dorothy Stone*
Business Administration

1978 – 1980

Lloyd Dryer*
Psychology

Cleetis Headlee*
English & Philosophy

1980 – 1981

Fred Cinotto*
Administrative Assistant

1983 – 1985

Julie Hughes*
Social Sciences (History)

Grace C. Mitchell*
English & Philosophy

1985 – 1987

Enid Blevins
English & Philosophy

1995 – 1996

Loretta Frazier*
Head Librarian

1999 – 2001

J. Merrell Junkins
Psychology

Gail Renner*
Social Sciences (History)

2002 – 2004

Duane L. Hunt
Theater

Richard Massa
Communication

2008 – 2010

Julio S. León
Business

2010 – 2012

Betsy Griffin
Psychology

Virginia Laas
Social Sciences (History)

William Livingston
Mathematics

Melvyn Mosher*
Chemical & Physical Sciences

2011 - 2012

Jim Jackson
Biology & Environmental Health

2012 – 2013

John Messick
Biology & Environmental Health

2013 – 2014

Sam Claussen
Theater

2014 – 2015

Art Saltzman*
English & Philosophy

2015 – 2016

Al Cade*
Teacher Education

Patsy Lipira
Kinesiology

2016 – 2017

Dr. Theresa Agee
Business

Grace Ayton
Nursing

Dr. Beverly Block
Business

Dr. Al Carnine
Music

Jim Gray
Business

Dr. Patricia Murphy
English & Philosophy

Dr. John Tiede
Accounting

2017 – 2018

Jack Spurlin
Criminal Justice

Deborah Brown
Teacher Education

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The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. for your convenience and a Spirit Store is available near the main entrance of Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, graduation filing deadlines, printing deadlines and degree audit adjustments can prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publishing names of individuals not completing degree requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.

9:30 A.M.
School of Arts & Sciences
School of Health Sciences

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
National Anthem	Presentation of Colors Show-Me GOLD Color Guard
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Alan Marble President, Missouri Southern State University
Golden Grad Recognition	Dr. Alan Marble
Commencement Speaker	Tammy Trent Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, Leggett & Platt
Presentation of Class	Dr. Paula Carson Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Master's Hooding	Dr. Marsi Archer Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University Dr. Richard Schooler Dean, School of Health Sciences, Missouri Southern State University

PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Presentation of Diplomas	Platform Party
Introduction of Degree Candidates	Mr. Stephen E. Smith University Relations and Marketing, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Paula Carson
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 25)	Forrest Bunter BA-Music, Neosho
Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te"	Alfred Reed Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble
Sign Language Interpreter	Mary Zustiak

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. Please turn off all cell phones.

1:00 P.M.

Robert W. Plaster School of Business
School of Education • Bachelor of General Studies

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Presentation of Class	Dr. Paula Carson Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Master's Hooding	Dr. Jeff Zimmerman Dean, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University
	Ms. Lorinda Hackett Interim Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University

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MSSU Alma Mater (See page 25)	Adam Hajeh BSE-K-12 Vocal Music Education, Lee's Summit
Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te"	Alfred Reed Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble
Sign Language Interpreter	Mary Zustiak

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

A black and white portrait of Tammy Trent, a woman with short dark hair and bangs, smiling. She is wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored top. The background is dark and out of focus.

Tammy Trent

No one likes adversity, says Tammy Trent. But how we fight it and work to overcome it is what makes us stronger.

Trent, the senior vice president and chief accounting officer at Leggett & Platt, says that is her central message as the keynote speaker for the Spring 2018 commencement ceremonies.

A Carthage native and 1990 graduate of Missouri Southern, she followed her parents into the accounting field and is a Certified Public Accountant. Today, she oversees the accounting for Leggett & Platt, including 120 manufacturing sites in 18 countries.

"Pesos, Euros, dollars, you name it," she says with a laugh.

Trent still lives in Carthage with her husband, Scott, and they have two children – Carson, 20, and Grant, 16.

Trent says she hadn't truly faced adversity until the morning of Aug. 13, 2017, when she learned that Grant had been in a single-car accident. He sustained a spinal cord injury that left him paralyzed from below his mid-chest area and spent several months at a rehab facility in Colorado.

"I posted daily updates to keep everyone informed with what was going on," she says. "We had so much love and support along the way, and I learned that while this personal crisis started as ours, it opened our eyes to the needs of everyone else. It's not just about you."

"Through this experience, we were able to help others as well." Today, she's happy to say Grant is healthy and enjoying his junior year of high school and was recently inducted into the National Honor Society.

The importance of keeping a positive outlook on life cannot be understated. While it doesn't automatically make everything easier, Trent says it can open your eyes to many incredible things.

"It can awaken you to realize that you have been placed in your unique situation for a reason."

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Challenger, Noreen Sherina
Accounting
United Kingdom

McAndrews, Stephen Michael
Accounting
Galena

Obert, Jane Ann
Accounting
Joplin

Song, Kunming
Accounting
China

Xia, Qinghao
Accounting
China

Hargrove, Chloe Dahlia *
Accounting
Kansas City

Nguyen, John Hai Duong
Accounting
Joplin

Shepard, Georgeanna Larae *
Accounting
Cherryvale, KS

Spencer, James L. *
Accounting
Carthage

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Brim, Sarah Ann *
Curriculum and Instruction
Lee's Summit

Dieckhoff, Lydia L.
Administration
Seneca

Eichelberger, Susan Dianne *
Curriculum and Instruction
Carl Junction

Roberson, Erica Susan *
Curriculum and Instruction
Mount Vernon

Shuster, Erin M. *
Curriculum and Instruction
Mount Vernon

Dieckhoff, Brett Thomas
Administration
Seneca

Dixon, Dustin D.
Administration
Joplin

Korn, Amber Dawn *
Curriculum and Instruction
Carthage

Robertson, Kirsten Nicole
Curriculum and Instruction
Joplin

Williams, Samantha Kae *
Curriculum and Instruction
Carthage

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Alejandro, Marilyn
Human Resource Management
Joplin

Cherniienko, Sergii
General Management
Ukraine

Dunbar, Whitney Carey
Human Resource Management
Neosho

Smith, Andrea D.
Human Resource Management
Carthage

Brown, Zachary Chase
General Management
Joplin

Coffey, Randon Sean
General Management
Webb City

Gomez, Jose F.
Human Resource Management
Neosho

Zabel, Cody Alan
Human Resource Management
Miami, OK

Chappel, Kristy B.
Human Resource Management
Carl Junction

COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Birk, Kyle Travis
Criminal Justice
Thebes, IL

Bollinger II, Bobby J.
Criminal Justice
Scott City

Malare, Kali Jane
Criminal Justice
Florissant

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Alexander, Anthony James
Nursing
Springfield

Douthitt, Andrew Boyd
Nursing
Joplin

Heger, Michelle Lee
Nursing
Jasper

Whitekiller, Katharine D.
Nursing
Neosho

Beets, Paul Michael
Nursing
Riverton, KS

Frazier, Janet Kay
Nursing
Carl Junction

McRoy, Samantha Helene
Nursing
Webb City

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS AND DEGREES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Deborah Abruzzo ‡
Kaytlin Archibald ‡
Morgan August
Lauren Berryhill
Emily Brewer ‡ †
Forrest Bunter ‡ †
Kisa Clark ‡
Monica Clement
Abigail Corbett ‡

Casey Crain ‡
Karissa Degani ‡ †
Lynsee Degraw
Hannah Hand ‡
Allie Heckemeyer ‡
Sabrina Johnson †
Catherine Kelley ‡
Marissa Leivan *
Ethan Manke

Gregory Morse
Sarah Munoz
Christie Ogle
Abijah Overman ‡
Christian Provence ‡ †
Andrea Rosenbaum ‡
Tinsley Rutledge †
Faith Scheidemantle †
Ellen Smith ‡

Athen Taylor
Briar Tiller
Emily Trejo ‡
Manuela Vergara Pinilla ‡
Alyvia Warstler †
Sierra Wells †
Annie White ‡ †
Kari White
Katie Wiele

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Bethany Ames †
Ranee Anderson
Cecelia Austin
Logan Brown
Hannah Burdick
Ashley Burns †
Sarah Clark †
Chelsea Corum

Kelsey Davis
Abigail Hernandez
Olivia Johnson
Sharon Kailer
Heather Kimbrough
Phylicia Lewis
Madeleine Louque
Jenson Maydew

Kenzie McAlister †
Jacob Musser
Smaira Newman
Olivia Olson
Lydia Pearson
Nicole Renken
Deana Roller
Garner Rudroff

Grant Strickland
Ashley Thomas
Alyssa Wade *
Oliver Wallace *
Jonna Welch *

CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Sarah Aggus
David Balaun
Katherine Bayes
Taylor Bolt *
Samantha Bradshaw
Gwendolyn Broughton
Elizabeth Burken †
Jacob Calvin
Michael Coberley
Melissa Collins
Samantha Jo Conrad

Benjamin Crider
Danielle Davis
Matthew Forbes
Kaitlin Fraser †
Brittany Garland
Miranda Hale
Marshall Hill
Brandon Kerr
Shemaiah Khopang
Morgan Lamar
Aaron Linder

Aubrey Lindsey
Kamiron Luptak
Melinda Maberry
Tracy Maddux
Remington Murray †
Dominic Neil
Doranelly Perea
Brock Renken
Kennede Reynolds
Grace Scheidemantle †
Heather Scott

Angel Speicher *
Madeleine Swier
Carter Towey
Olivia Uhrich *
McKenzie Walker
Mikaela Walker
Glen White
Heather Wilson
Haylee Woollard

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Ethan Manke
Briar Tiller

SECOND HONORS

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Abigail Hernandez

THIRD HONORS

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

David Balaun	Marshall Hill
Taylor Bolt	Melinda Maberry
Michael Coberly	Heather Scott
Samantha Jo Conrad	Angel Speicher
Madisyn Freeze	Shelby Teegarden
Brittany Garland	

Latin honors as published in the program are calculated through the last graded semester and are therefore not official. Once grades and degrees have posted for the final semester, the official standing will be noted on the student's transcript and diploma.

Eligibility for Latin honors requires the candidate to study all the junior and senior years at Missouri Southern, earn a minimum of 60 hours of credit in residence, and achieve the required GPA.

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

* July or December Graduate

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Aguirre, Maria D.
Spanish
Bentonville, AR

Archibald, Kaytlin Ann ‡
International Studies
Loma Linda

August, Morgan Elizabeth
Spanish
Joplin

Bottles, Elaina Kathryn
Music
Jasper

Brock, Eric Evan
International Studies
Carl Junction

Bunter, Forrest Anthony ‡ †
Music
Neosho

Clark, Kisa Marie ‡
Spanish
Neosho

Copeland, Makenzie Jean
Communication-Mass
Carthage

Corum, Chelsea Danielle
Political Science
Joplin

Cox, Austin *
International Studies
Joplin

Dick, Emalea Jane
English-Literary Studies
Joplin

Duley II, Kelvin Leondr'e
Communication-Mass
Kansas City

Ervin, Mika Victoria
International Studies
Wyandotte, OK

Farmer, Natasha Elaine
Sociology
Galena, KS

Galindo, Courtney Lauren
English-Literary Studies
Joplin

Gass, Riley M.
English-Professional/Technical
Writing
Joplin

Gonzalez, Maribel
Spanish
Carthage

Grotjohn, Candace Jayne
Sociology
Seneca

Jenkins, Stephen Blake *
Spanish
Nevada

Johnson, Sabrina Anne †
Political Science
Wyandotte, OK

Keener, Carrie Merranda
International Studies
Wyandotte, OK

Kimbrough, Heather Ivana
History
Diamond

Knowles, Mark Leroy
Music
Bahamas

Lambert, Zachary Paul
Music Industry
O'Fallon

Lewis, William
International Studies
Broken Arrow, OK

**Logtenberg, Inge Johanna
Wilhelmina**
Theatre
Zwolle, Netherlands

Mackey, Jordan D.
English-Creative Writing,
English-Literary Studies, French
Springdale, AR

Martin, Ely Harrison
English-Literary Studies
Joplin

Maturino, Missael
Spanish
Carthage

Maydew, Jenson Berkley
Art-Visual
Pratt, KS

Olson, Olivia Scarlet
English-Professional/Technical
Writing
Arcola

Poroj, Julia Janet
Spanish
Joplin

Sarceno, Oscar Abel
English-Professional/Technical
Writing
Carthage

Scheidemantle, Faith L. †
English-Professional/Technical
Writing
Camdenton

Schrader, Susannah Erin
Communication-Mass
Joplin

Showen, Sandra Denise
Art-Visual
Miami, OK

Simmons, Tanner Wayne
Sociology
Joplin

Strong, Jamie Keilani
Theatre
Alma, AR

Thomas, Ashley D.
History
Joplin

**Vergara Pinilla, Manuela
Camila ‡**
International Studies, Political
Science
Colombia

Wilkes, Mason Lee
English-Literary Studies
Seneca

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Aggus, Sarah Ann
Fine Arts-Graphic Design
Diamond

Clark, Sarah Ashley †
Fine Arts-Studio
Springfield

Davis, Danielle Marie
Fine Arts-Graphic Design
Joplin

Dorrance, Brett Ryan
Fine Arts-Graphic Design
Mount Vernon

Mills, Hunter Logan
Fine Arts-Graphic Design
Joplin

Smith, Ellen K. ‡
Fine Arts-Graphic Design
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Austin, Cecelia Marie
Environmental Health and
Safety
Neosho

Baker, Landon
Biochemistry
Neosho

Beasley, Matthew Alan
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Belay, Begashow Solomon
Biochemistry
Rogers, AR

Bentley, Darrin Michael
Criminal Justice Administration
Coffeyville, KS

Boykins, Jeremy Javonte
Criminal Justice Administration
West Palm Beach, FL

Bryant, Alexander William
Communication-Mass
Joplin

Burkdoll, Trevor D.
Communication-Public Relations
Rantoul, KS

Burns, Ashley Elizabeth †
Biology
Pierce City

Butcher-Spellman, Cora Beth †
Communication-Mass,
Communication-Public Relations
Bolivar

Calvin, Jacob D.
Environmental Health and
Safety
Joplin

Chastain, Bonnie Breann
Biology
Joplin

Coberley, Michael E.
Computational Math/CIS-Math
Joplin

Coleman, Tyler C.
Political Science
Joplin

Conrad, Samantha Jo Corren
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Cox, Ashley Marlene
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Crain, Casey William ‡
Criminal Justice Administration
Nevada

Cramer, Lucas Allen
Sociology
Joplin

Crowe, Brittany Raelynn
Environmental Health and
Safety
Miami, OK

Degani, Karissa Marie ‡ †
Biochemistry, Biology
Carl Junction

DeGraff, Jordan Clark
Chemistry
Carl Junction

Downing, Maryssa Michelle
Criminal Justice Administration
Florissant

Earvin, Roderick Du'vennaj *
Communication-Mass
Los Angeles, CA

Edwards, Taylor Nicole
Political Science
Joplin

Ellis, Megan Rae *
Environmental Health and
Safety
Joplin

Forbes, Matthew S.
Mathematics
Anderson

**Francisco, Gabrielle
Alexandra**
Political Science
Neosho

Fraser, Kaitlin Joy †
Biology
Carl Junction

Gallegos, Diana Ines
Criminal Justice Administration
Monett

Garland, Brittany J.
Criminal Justice Administration
Cassville

Garner, Emily Hannah *
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Gauwitz, David Michael
Criminal Justice Administration
Branson

Gil, Bryanna Jasmine
Criminal Justice Administration
Black Jack

Girard, Jackson S.
Communication-Mass,
Communication-Public Relations
Joplin

Goff, Seth P.
Criminal Justice Administration
Bentonville, AR

Gordon, Jr., Tony Lewis
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Goss III, Christopher
Criminal Justice Administration
Bolingbrook, IL

Guinn, Jake Waylon
Criminal Justice Administration
Anderson

Hackworth, Connor E.
Criminal Justice Administration
Anderson

Haggins, Jr., Tyreice Dion
Communication-Public Relations
Kansas City

Hale, Mary Kathline
Political Science
Butler

Hamilton, David Clark
Geography
Pittsburg, KS

Hanna, Joshua Thomas
Environmental Health and
Safety
Webb City

Hare, Katelyn N. *
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Harris, Brittany Janea
Environmental Health and
Safety
Joplin

Harris, Rebecca Dawn
Political Science
Neosho

Hernandez, Abigail
Criminal Justice Administration
Noel

Hess, Ginger Ann
Biology
Carthage

Hicks, Robert Lee
Communication-Public Relations
Joplin

Hill, Keylee D. *
Criminal Justice Administration
Springdale, AR

Hill, Marshall Isaac
Criminal Justice Administration
Bentonville, AR

Idleburg, Amber Keely
Biochemistry
Saint Louis

Ivy, Brandon JaQuay
Criminal Justice Administration
Saint Louis

Jack, Garrett Evan
Mathematics
Carthage

Jackson, Chloe Ariel *
Criminal Justice Administration
Wylie, TX

Jensen, Dustin Arthur
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Johnson, Sasha B.
Biology
Webb City

Kanneh, Felemoh Mohammed
Criminal Justice Administration
Bridgeton

Keller, Kyle Darrell
Criminal Justice Administration
San Antonio, TX

Kelley, Catherine Ailene ‡
Communication-Mass
Neosho

Kerr, Brandon James
Chemistry
Golden

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

*July or December Graduate

Khopang, Shemaiah Joram
Physics
Joplin

Kilgore, Mecayla Danielle
Sociology
Grand Rapids, MI

Kimbrough, Jacob Eli
Criminal Justice Administration
Diamond

Lammey, Morgan Anne
Biology
Webb City

Laramore, James Partick
Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

LeGrand, Kelly Marie
Sociology
Pineville

Maberry, Melinda Ann
Criminal Justice Administration
Lamar

Madison, Kristana E'monie Marie *
Political Science
Kansas City

Manke, Ethan Axel
Criminal Justice Administration,
Political Science
Golden City

Markham, Makenzi Kae
Communication-Mass
Carl Junction

McClelland, Joshua Bryan *
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

McDonald, Jill Rebecca
Physics
Stark City

McGinty, Mitchell McCoy
Communication-Public Relations
Miami

Melot, Alan Shawn
Sociology
Joplin

Mesey, Seth E. *
Criminal Justice Administration
Sullivan

Morse, Gregory Michael
Communication-Public Relations
Webb City

Murray, Remington Ann †
Biology
Baxter Springs, KS

Newell, Lacey Marie
Biology
Gravette, AR

Newman, Smaira Dian
Sociology
Joplin

Overman, Abijah Blake ‡
Biochemistry, Biology
Joplin

Parrott, Leah K.
Communication-Public Relations
Webb City

Pashia, Theodore M.
Biology
Webb City

Passley, Shelby Lynn *
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Peavey, Peyton Rose
Communication-Public Relations
Ozark

Plutino, Colin Thomas
Biology
Diamond

Plutino, Justin Paul
Environmental Health and
Safety
Diamond

Pottorff, Kelsey Lynn
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Prater, Darren Phillip *
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Provins, Kristofer Lyle
Biochemistry
Joplin

Quick, Lauren Paige
Biology
Nevada

Renken, Brock Michael
Biology
Joplin

Repsch, Christopher Scott
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Roberts, Chandi Rae *
Criminal Justice Administration
Galena, KS

Rodas, Andy Amir
Biology
Carthage

Roeder, Phaze Breann
Communication-Mass
Joplin

Rosenbaum, Andrea C. ‡
Sociology
Joplin

Rothman, Otho Eugene
Political Science
Seneca

Rudroff, Garner A.
Biology
Fulton

Salgado, Alexander Gilbert
Computational Math/CIS-Math
Joplin

Scheidemantle, Grace M. †
Biochemistry
Camdenton

Schmidly, Stanley D. *
Criminal Justice Administration
Mount Vernon

Schoolfield, Cassidy
Criminal Justice Administration
Bixby, OK

Schwabenlander, Kaitlyn Victoria
Biochemistry
Baxter Springs, KS

Seitz, John Michael
Communication-Mass
Carthage

Serious, MayJay Myreally
Biology
Carthage

Shapp, Jarrett Carlton
Sociology
Quapaw, OK

Slankard, Miranda Leah
Sociology
Bernice, OK

Spencer, Raven Alice *
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Starrett, Ashley Brooke
Biology
Unionville

Stevens, Cheyanne Nicole
Biology
Ozark

Sutton, Gabrielda Katherine
Biology
Pierce City

Swier, Madeleine Kay
Environmental Health and
Safety
Saint Louis

Thompson, Joshua Flint
Criminal Justice Administration
Mount Vernon

Tiller, Briar Steele
Criminal Justice Administration
Butler

Vu, Diana *
Biology
Joplin

Wall, Christian Tyler
Criminal Justice Administration
Kansas City

Wallace, Oliver Kent *
Communication-Mass
Carthage

Watson, Chantau Nicole-Ann
Environmental Health and
Safety
Hartford, CT

Welch, Jonna Anne *
Criminal Justice Administration
Springfield

Weston, Cynthia Kae
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

White, Glen Arthur
Communication-Public Relations
Granby

Wiele, Katie Marie
Biology
Carl Junction

Williams, Jacob Allen
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Xiong, William Moshitun
Biology
Granby

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Adair, Melina Dove
Social Work
Joplin

Andrews, Katie Marie *
Social Work
Joplin

Anth, Allison M.
Social Work
Maryland Heights

Babbs, Amanda Brooke
Social Work
Rocky Comfort

Berryhill, Lauren R.
Social Work
Joplin

Courtney, Ashley Odecia
Social Work
Carl Junction

Fontana, Angela Josette
Social Work
Joplin

Francis, Shavonne M.
Social Work
Joplin

Hand, Hannah Lynn ‡
Social Work
Tyro, KS

Hudson, Jae Lynn
Social Work
Webb City

Keithly, Carrie Elizabeth
Social Work
Lamar

La Falce, Jessica M.
Social Work
Arma, KS

McAffrey, Jennifer Rae
Social Work
Neosho

Payne, Maddison Janelle
Social Work
Nixa

Provence, Christian Antonia ‡ †
Social Work
Webb City

Reynolds, Kennede Nichole
Social Work
Fort Scott, KS

Robison, Michelle Lee
Social Work
El Dorado Springs

Thomure, Kendra S.
Social Work
Neosho

Tyler-Neal, Christina M.
Social Work
Joplin

Warstler, Alyvia Marie †
Social Work
Joplin

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Basye, Alec James
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Beasley, Matthew Alan
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Bentley, Darrin Michael
Law Enforcement
Coffeyville, KS

Berggren, Jessica Rae
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Conrad, Samantha Jo Corren
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Cookinham, Joshua Paul
Law Enforcement
Rogers, AR

Counterman, Adam G.
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Cox, Ashley Marlene
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Downing, Maryssa Michelle
Law Enforcement
Florissant

Gallegos, Diana Ines
Law Enforcement
Monett

Garland, Brittany J.
Law Enforcement
Cassville

Garner, Emily Hannah
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Gauwitz, David Michael
Law Enforcement
Branson

Gil, Bryanna Jasmine
Law Enforcement
Black Jack

Goff, Seth P.
Law Enforcement
Bentonville, AR

Goodson, Megan Nicole
Law Enforcement
Carl Junction

Gordon, Jr., Tony Lewis
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Goss III, Christopher
Law Enforcement
Bolingbrook, IL

Hackworth, Connor E.
Law Enforcement
Anderson

Hare, Katelyn N. *
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Henson, Cody Ray
Law Enforcement
Jay, OK

Hernandez, Abigail
Law Enforcement
Noel

Hill, Keylee D. *
Law Enforcement
Springdale, AR

Hill, Marshall Issac
Law Enforcement
Bentonville, AR

Ivy, Brandon JaQuay
Law Enforcement
Saint Louis

Jackson, Chloe Ariel *
Law Enforcement
Wylie, TX

Jones, Alexander Emerson
Law Enforcement
Nevada

Kanneh, Felemoh Mohammed
Law Enforcement
Bridgeton

Keller, Kyle Darrell
Law Enforcement
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Jones, Logan Edward
Psychology
Sarcoxie

Kahl, Emily *
Psychology
Farmington

Lawless, Bryce K.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Lee, Kong Meng *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Exeter

Leivan, Marissa Irene *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Jasper

Lewis, Breanna Rachelle
Psychology
Granby

Lewis, Phylcia Lorraine
Psychology
Joplin

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† Honors Program Graduate

* July or December Graduate

Lindsey, Aubrey Sue
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Claremore, OK

Maestas, Samantha Leona
Psychology
Joplin

Marble, Dexter Lee
Psychology
Neosho

Mitchell, Lauren Taylor
Psychology
Seligman

Morrison, Sarah Anne
Health Promotion and Wellness
Ramona, OK

Munoz, Sarah Elizabeth
Psychology
Anderson

Murray, Lindsey Renee *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Murray, Nicole C.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Noll, Cortney Lynn *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Aurora

Núñez, Alejandro *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Fairview

Phillips, Skylar Jacob
Health Promotion and Wellness
Mount Vernon

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Psychology
LaRussell

Rhodes, Matthew Ryan *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Miami, OK

Robbins, Hailey Elizabeth *
Psychology
Joplin

Rouse, Alyson Nicole
Health Promotion and Wellness
Carl Junction

Sams, Peter Mackenzie
Health Promotion and Wellness
Garfield, AR

Smith, Haley Frances *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Republic

Stark, Caylee Michel
Psychology
Miami, OK

Strickland, Grant L.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Noel

Taylor, Athen Annie
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Uhrich, Olivia Rachel *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Wells, Sierra N. †
Health Promotion and Wellness
Bolivar

Williams, Desmond Craig Lekwai *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Dallas, TX

Wilson, Kelie DeAnn *
Psychology
Centerton, AR

Wilson, Martez G. *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Webb City

Wuest, Zachary Scott
Health Promotion and Wellness
Branson

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Psychology
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

August, Morgan Elizabeth
Elementary Education-Early
Childhood
Joplin

Beck, Taylor K.
Elementary Education
Oronogo

Blevins, Cassie
Elementary Education
Noel

Boykin, Channing
Elementary Education
Mountain Grove

Bradshaw, Samantha R.
Elementary Education
Bella Vista, AR

Brewer, Emily Ann ‡ †
Secondary Education-Business
Monett

Burdick, Hannah N.
Elementary Education-Early
Childhood
Diamond

Cantu, Morgan Virginia Lynn
Secondary Education-Speech
and Theatre
Carthage

Clark, Dru Morgan
K-12 Education-Physical
Education
Joplin

Cummings, Courtney Ann
Elementary Education-Special
Education
Miami, OK

De La Torre, Bianca N.
Elementary Education
Springdale, AR

Draeger, Miata
Elementary Education
Webb City

Forbes, Matthew S.
Secondary Education-Math
Anderson

Gossard, Jordan
Elementary Education
Webb City

Griffis, Melinda Dawn
Middle School Education-
Science
Gravette, AR

Gubera-Campbell, Tatum
Elementary Education
Joplin

Gudgell, Cheyanne M.
Elementary Education
Anderson

Harnar, Madeline
Elementary Education
Miami, OK

Henderson, Trae A.
K-12 Education-Physical
Education
Mount Vernon

Hobbs, Audra
Elementary Education-TESOL
Neosho

Hoefling, Tessa
Elementary Education
Carthage

Housh, Nancy Faith
Elementary Education-Special
Education
Carthage

Hulette, Jaren Presston
Secondary Education-Business
Webb City

Hull, Hannah Osie
Secondary Education-English
Joplin

Johnson, Olivia Grace
Elementary Education
Joplin

Jones, Tyler Matthew
K-12 Education-Instrumental
Webb City

Kailer, Sharon Marie
Elementary Education
Joplin

Kaiser, Stephanie Louise
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Education
Monett

King, Brandi Michelle
Middle School Education-Math
Baxter Springs, KS

Lamar, Morgan
Elementary Education
Webb City

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Bolivar

Lett, Jesse
Elementary Education
Noel

Louque, Madeleine Mae
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Science
Olathe, KS

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Grove, OK

McAlister, Kenzie Marie †
Elementary Education
Diamond

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Cave Springs, AR

Nolting, Olivia Kay
Elementary Education-Special
Education
Joplin

Ogden, Whitney LeAnn
Elementary Education
Vinita, OK

Orton, Jacob George
Middle School Education-
Science
Joplin

Pearson, Lydia
Elementary Education
Joplin

Perea, Doranely
Elementary Education
Lowell, AR

Pesek, Lexi
Elementary Education
Eureka

Renken, Nicole
Middle School Education-
Math
Reeds

Roller, Deana Leann
Elementary Education
Purdy

Rutledge, Tinsley Shea †
Secondary Education-English
Lamar

Swarens, Kelsey
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Terry, Johnathan Alan
Elementary Education-Special
Education
Carthage

Thrasher, Mariah
Elementary Education
Carthage

Throneberry, Leah Lachelle
Secondary Education-Social
Science/History
Conifer, CO

Trejo, Emily Elizabeth †
Secondary Education-English
Joplin

Veith, Misty
Elementary Education-TESOL
Granby

Wantz, Sierra
Elementary Education
Fayetteville, AR

Ward, Ranesa
Elementary Education
Joplin

White, Annie Christine ‡ †
Elementary Education
Joplin

Whitehead, Dayton Noah
K-12 Education-Physical
Education
Joplin

Williams, Nija
Elementary Education
Chesterfield

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Alvarez, Alec Anthony
General Studies
Overland Park, KS

Anderson, Luann M.
General Studies
Nevada

Anderson, Rane Marie
General Studies
Carl Junction

Baum, Matthew L.
General Studies
Lee's Summit

Blackburn, Daniel Clark *
General Studies
Carl Junction

Carr, Matthew Christopher *
General Studies
Davenport, IA

Carter, Donovan Omar
General Studies
Pomona, CA

Casady, Olivia L.
General Studies
Granby

Cheek, Patrick
General Studies
Hayward, CA

Clay, Bronwyn Elizabeth
General Studies
Granby

Counterman, Adam G.
General Studies
Joplin

Cox, Allison Ann
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Joplin

Dollarhide, Jalee Deanne
General Studies
Joplin

Dunn, Lacey Nichole
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Webb City

Faubion, Christopher M.
General Studies
Joplin

Fleeton, Terence Demetrice
General Studies
Daphne, AL

Ford, Sherry A.
General Studies
Miami, OK

Fritz, Vince Garland
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Overland Park, KS

Galindo, Courtney Lauren
General Studies
Joplin

Gilbert, Garrett Houston
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Joplin

Groenke, Samantha Jo
General Studies
Saint Louis

Holcomb, Deborah Monee
General Studies
Dallas, TX

Holm, Sitona May
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Highland, CA

Holt, Krystal Ann
General Studies
Webb City

Hoskins, Megan Erin
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Cassville

Jackson, Ryan A. *
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Joplin

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Joplin

Luptak, Kamiron Falicity
General Studies
Adrian

Martin, Taylor Douglas
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Joplin

Mercadante, Carrie Layne *
General Studies
Baxter Springs, KS

Milivojev, Marija *
General Studies
Serbia

Molina, Ashley *
General Studies
Carthage

Myers, Kreg Tyler Patrick
General Studies
Cassville

Nash, Megan A.
General Studies
Joplin

Parry, Jason B. *
General Studies
Alba

**Pickett, Brion Louis
Alexander ***
General Studies
Orlando, FL

Robb, Justin Scott
General Studies
Springfield

Roberts, Ryan Glenn Raymond
General Studies
Warrensburg

Sloan, Kalista Dale *
General Studies
Jasper

Sohosky, Katherine Rae *
General Studies
Joplin

Spry, Jamy L.
General Studies
Carl Junction

Sutten, Tiffany Diane *
General Studies
Webb City

Sweet, Zaccary Michael Dale
General Studies
Joplin

Tarter, Emily Rayne
General Studies
Joplin

Thigpen, Kaley Ann
General Studies
Monett

Tupper, Jessica Dianne
General Studies
Joplin

Udarbe, Michael Thomas
General Studies
Chetopa, KS

Walker, McKenzie Nicole
General Studies
Webb City

Walker, Mikaela Hope
General Studies
Joplin

West, Emilee Jo
General Studies
Seneca

Wooten, Felicia Renee
General Studies
Grove, OK





GRADUATES WHO HAVE STUDIED *Abroad*

As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,100 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Ames, Bethany
United Kingdom

Archibald, Kaytlin
South Korea

August, Morgan
Uruguay

Austin, Cecelia
Belize

Balaun, David
Germany, Ukraine

Brock, Eric
Chile, South Korea, Sweden

Bryant, Alexander
Germany

Burken, Elizabeth
United Kingdom

Burns, Ashley
Belize, Czech Republic,
Denmark, Poland

Butcher-Spellman, Cora
Ireland, United Kingdom

Cantu, Morgan
Ireland

Clark, Kisa
France, Guatemala

Clark, Sarah
South Korea, Sweden

Copeland, Makenzie
France, Germany

Cox, Austin
Morocco

Davis, Danielle
South Korea

Degani, Karissa
United Kingdom

Dieckhoff, Lydia
United Kingdom

Dorrance, Brett
Sweden, Norway

Dunbar, Whitney
Italy

Ervin, Mika
Morocco, Sweden

Fraser, Kaitlin
United Kingdom

Gass, Riley
United Kingdom

Girard, Jackson
France

Gomez, Jose
Italy

Holly, Jessica
United Kingdom

Hugenot, Dakota
Germany, Ukraine

Jablonski, Courtney
United Kingdom

Jenkins, Stephen
Spain

Johnson, Sabrina
Ireland

Keener, Carrie
Morocco

Kelley, Catherine
France

Lanham, Kierstin
Germany, Ukraine

Laubach, Jordan
Germany, Ukraine

Lewis, William
Japan, South Korea

Mackey, Jordan
France, Italy

Markham, Makenzi
Cambodia, Germany, France

Martin, Taylor
Czech Republic, Denmark, Poland

Maydew, Jenson
Norway

McNutt, Hannah
Italy

Mills, Hunter
Sweden, Norway

Moe, Shelby
Sweden

Moss, Danielle
Canada

Murray, Remington
United Kingdom

Nguyen, John
Ghana

Plutino, Colin
Belize, United Kingdom

Provence, Christian
Italy

Roeder, Phaze
United Kingdom

Salgado, Alexander
Spain

Scheidemantle, Faith
France, United Kingdom

Scheidemantle, Grace
United Kingdom

Showen, Sandra
Sweden

Shroyer, Ashlann
Spain

Smith, Ellen
Sweden, United Kingdom

Trejo, Emily
Canada, United Kingdom

Vang, Mai Kou
China

Vu, Diana
Costa Rica, Morocco

Walker, McKenzie
South Korea

Wells, Sierra
Italy

Werner, Shelby
United Kingdom

White, Annie
China

White, Glen
France

Wilkes, Mason
France, United Kingdom



Alma Mater

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

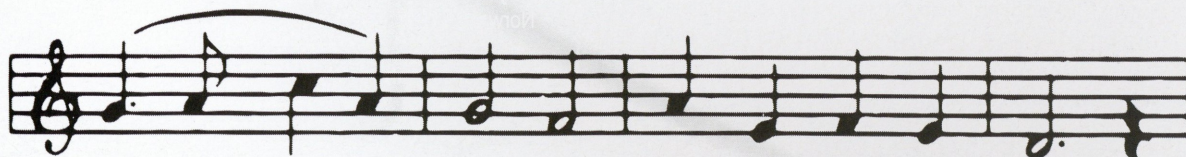
Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Regalia Cords

As early as the 12th century, the first modern universities – at Bologna and Paris – were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear blue gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's degrees. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and

of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The cooperative masters's degree hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions.

Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Accountancy, Business and Commerce: Drab

Arts, Letters, Humanities: White • **Education:** Light Blue

Fine Arts: Brown • **Journalism:** Crimson

Library Science: Lemon Yellow • **Law:** Purple

Music: Pink • **Nursing:** Apricot • **Philosophy:** Dark Blue

Physical Education: Sage Green • **Science:** Golden Yellow

Theology: Scarlet

REGALIA CORDS

Alpha Chi:

Gold

Athletics:

Green and Gold

Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma:

Blue and Gold

Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha:

Purple and Gold

Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi:

Purple and Green

Freshman Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma:

Black and Gold

Honors Program:

Green

International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta:

Black and Red

International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided Gold and Purple

International Honor Society in Economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon: Braided Gold and Blue

International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi:

Braided Platinum and Dark Blue

National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta:

Blood Red and Sky Blue

National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa:

Braided Blue, Black and White

National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma:

Dark Green and White

Nursing Honor Society:

Apricot

Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta:

Navy Blue and Green

Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha:

Blue and Gold

Theatre Honor Society, Alpha Psi Omega:

Antique Gold and Light Blue

Veterans:

Red, White and Blue

POINTS OF

Pride



New Home for Mathematics Department Begins Taking Shape

The once quiet hillside behind Reynolds Hall at Missouri Southern is now the site of a flurry of construction activity as the university embarks on its next major building project.

A new service road runs along the base of the hill, allowing access for the heavy equipment and workers who will build Nixon Hall, which will serve as the new home for the mathematics program at Missouri Southern.

Crossland Construction is overseeing construction of the 20,000-square-foot, three-story building, which will be located on the south side of Reynolds.

Designed by Paragon Architecture, the new building will be connected via a skywalk to the main hall of Reynolds' second floor. It will house mathematics classrooms, faculty offices, a computer lab and student study areas.

The \$8.1 million construction project is scheduled for completion in time for the start of the Spring 2019 semester, said Harrington.

Last fall, the university's Board of Governors voted unanimously to name the new building for former Gov. Jay Nixon, citing his efforts to garner bipartisan support for the critical renovations needed in Reynolds Hall.



Endowment to Help RNs Get Bachelor's Degree

A new endowment established at Missouri Southern will help pave the way for registered nurses employed by Freeman Health System to continue their professional development with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Through the \$100,000 endowment, the Bob & Bea Higgins Nursing Scholarship will create four scholarships per year for RN's at Freeman working to attain their BSN.

A Joplin Junior College graduate, WWII Air Force pilot and former Joplin postmaster, Higgins is known for his willingness to step forward and offer service whenever he sees a need within the community. He's a Kiwanis member, a former board member for the Joplin Family Y and Freeman Health System. In 1974, he was named MSSU's Outstanding Alum; in 1990, he was recognized as Joplin's Citizen of the Year.

The creation of the new endowment allowed Higgins to assist in two areas he has been passionate about throughout his career.

"Having seen the need to support students at Missouri Southern as well as the professionals working at Freeman, this was an area where I was pleased to be able to help," he said.



Archer Named Dean of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Marsi Archer has been named the new dean of the School of Arts & Sciences at Missouri Southern State University.

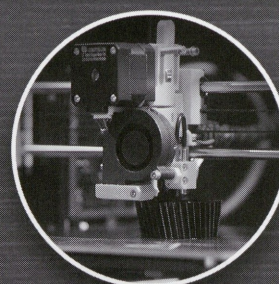
She has served as the school's interim dean since Aug. 1, 2017, and was offered the permanent position following an extensive search process.

Archer received her bachelor's of science in chemistry in 1993 from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. She obtained her Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Ohio State University in 1998.

She joined the Missouri Southern faculty in 1998 as an assistant professor, reaching associate professor status in 2003 and full professor in 2009. She served as department chair from 2010 until her appointment as interim dean.

Serving in an interim role for the past year allowed Archer to demonstrate vital qualities needed for the position, said Dr. Paula Carson, provost and vice president for academic affairs

"She built an effective leadership style, the camaraderie and a vision needed to bring this school forward."



Donor Presents 3D Printers to IET, Art Departments

The field of 3D printing is having a profound effect on the manufacturing world and beyond. Students in the Industrial Engineering Technology and Art departments at MSSU will be keeping pace with those changes thanks to the donation of three new printers by a local business.

Mike Parrot, co-founder of Nemotech in Joplin, recently donated three Nautilus 3D printers to the university.

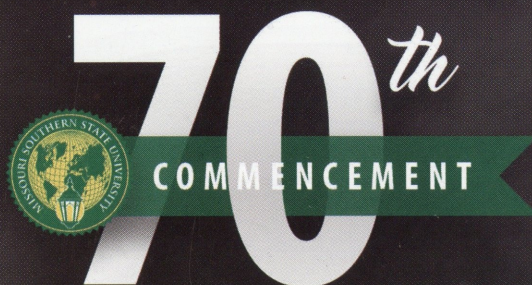
"Not that long ago, maybe five to 10 years, 3D printers were prohibitively expensive," he said. But they've evolved in a big way, using open-source technology to create lower-cost printers that offer the quality of print as a more expensive one. Today, they're a lot more accessible."

The field of 3D printing is allowing manufacturers to create prototypes, custom tools and parts and drastically reduce development times.

"It's a really fast-paced industry," said Parrot. "Students will have access to technology that's finding its way into a lot of different areas."

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